



ROBERT BENDER

88th Representative District



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Committees: Appropriations

Biography: Republican, of Middleville; born September 28, 1936, at Grand Rapids; B.S., agriculture education, Michigan State University; married Carol Cox, 1959; 3 children; first elected to Barry County Board of Commissioners, 1976, after serving two years as chairman of the county planning commission; reelected to board of commissioners in 1978, serving as both vice chairman and chairman; instrumental in forming joint city/county airport commission, serving as first secretary/treasurer; entered U.S. Navy in 1959, completed flight school, and spent five years on active duty as a pilot; maintaining his affiliation with the Navy, he remained active in reserves, where he continued flying until 1981, was commanding officer of the 450-member Navy aviation squadron at Selfridge Air Base, near Detroit and was assigned to the Supreme Allied Commander Atlantic at NATO headquarters in Brussels, Belgium; retired from

Navy service after 31-1/2 years; served as youth counselor, administrative board chairman, and finance chairman, Middleville United Methodist Church; elected to the House of Representatives, 1982.

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BOSTON TOWNSHIP	BERLIN TOWNSHIP	ORANGE TOWNSHIP	PORTLAND TOWNSHIP PORTLAND CITY
CAMPBELL TOWNSHIP	ODESSA TOWNSHIP	SEBEWA TOWNSHIP	DANBY TOWNSHIP
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ORANGEVILLE TOWNSHIP	HOPE TOWNSHIP	BALTIMORE TOWNSHIP	MAPLE GROVE TOWNSHIP
PRAIRIEVILLE TOWNSHIP	BARRY TOWNSHIP	JOHNSTOWN TOWNSHIP	ASSYRIA TOWNSHIP